

Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes

5/1/2017

1:00-2:30 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Deb Thomas RA	Kim Opekar ARA ECEJ	K.C. Schefski RC	Jeffrey Martinez CID
Suzanne Bohan DRA	Mark Chalfant DARA ECEJ	Paul Logan Dep RC	Pat Gilbride IG
Laura Jenkins COS	Andrew Mutter Dep Dir OCPI	Elyana Sutin Dep RC	
Patrick Rogers Tribal Adv.	Martin Hestmark ARA OPRA	Darcy O'Connor ARA OWP	
	Carl Daly DARA OPRA	Bert Garcia DARA OWP	
	Betsy Smidinger ARA EPR	Rick Buhl ARA TMS	
Betsy Varcoe, Recorder	Sandy Stavnes DARA EPR	Patrice Kortuem DARA TMS	

1. Special Topic – *None*

2. HQ Call

- Byron Brown, Deputy COS for Policy, announced additional new staff: Nancy Beck in OCSPP, Christian Halleck in Congressional Affairs, and Patrick Davis in OLEM.
- OGC – Washington, D.C. Circuit Court decided to hold on the Clean Power Plan for 60 days. A Title VI complaint in R4 that had been pending for years was closed for insufficient evidence.
- OECA – Report on NEJAC meeting. Office of Federal Activities met with FERC to discuss opportunities for collaboration on NEPA. Chrysler/Fiat update.
- OAR – This is Air Quality Awareness Week and Asthma Awareness Month.
- OARM – The Employee Viewpoint Survey is kicking off this week.
- OCFO – Debrief on the 2017 budget of \$8.58B, which is nearly equal to the 2016 budget.
- OITA – Update on upcoming meeting regarding Canada boundary issues.
- OW – Re. Clean Water Act jurisdiction, worked with the Army Corps of Engineers on development of the two-step process regarding the Clean Water Rule. Step 1, repeal of the 2015 rule and proposing the 1986 rule, is moving forward this week.
- OPA – Updating the website to reflect current policy. Feedback is welcome.
- Several offices – Update on regulatory reform meetings.
- R8 – Updates on: All Hands meeting, Bring Your Children to Work Day and the New Employee Breakfast. First hearing on Dewey Burdock. Preparation for June meeting with state environmental and oil and gas directors.

3. RA/DRA Highlights

Deb

- Will have a call today with WY DEQ and the WY BLM director on Wyoming general conformity.
- Will have a call on 5/2 with Byron Brown on Colorado Springs MS4.
- Requested update on ECEJ Wind River activities last week.
- Update on the Winona Inn State Circuit Court Judge order requiring the Inn to remain closed pending issuance of: 1) an EPA (UIC Class V) permit; 2) a South Dakota lodging license; and 3) a Pennington County conditional operating permit for the Inn's septic systems.
- Update on Utah regional haze.

Suzanne

- Discussed inviting staff to observe SLT meetings. SLT members will add guests' names to the SLT calendar, no more than 2 per SLT meeting. SLT members will introduce their guest(s) at the beginning of the meeting. Suzanne will invite RLT Executive Board members.
- Discussion about Resource Management Committee notes.

- Update on National Program Manager guidance; expect that it will be released for public comment in July.
 - Environmental Justice Steering Committee will meet 5/3. Look for EJ Action Plan from Corbin Darling. Will discuss how to engage with states.
 - Discussion about activities for Public Service Recognition Week.
 - Discussion about Ken Wagner visit on 5/8. One-pagers are due by COB today. Will schedule a dry run on 5/5.
4. Report from Deputies – At RMC will discuss an R8 internal leadership development program.
5. Round Robin
- Carl – Update on Thunder Butte Petroleum Services storage permit; will prepare a Hot Issue. AAPI Special Emphasis Program will hold a brown bag on 5/11; the speaker will be a CU Boulder history professor.
 - Martin – Discussion about U&O briefing package. Update on UST compliance issues for petroleum storage tanks at the Nishu store on the Fort Berthold Reservation. Will travel to Butte today.
 - Jeff – Would like to meet Ken Wagner during his visit on 5/8.
 - Rick – The Information Management Survey closes today. FY17 budget closeout guidance has been provided. TMS will work with the finance community to ensure we meet the deadlines. Programs will be asked to create planning purchase requisitions, in preparation for receiving FY17 funding. A Budget 101 brown bag will be held on 5/3 and 5/10. A Regional Grants Forum was held last week and will continue quarterly. A seminar on Stress was held last week and is scheduled again for 5/3. Using Adobe Connect for the All Hands meeting went well. Discussed sharing a 2017 budget update with all staff.
 - K.C. – Updates on Wind River TAS, Basin Electric settlement, UT regional haze, CO Craig settlement, and WY interstate transport SIP.
 - Elyana – Will preside at Dewey Burdock hearings next week.
 - Darcy – Update on Winona Inn proposed UIC Class V permit denial; expect to have the proposed action for review by the end of this week. Discussed controlled correspondences from the Pueblo City Council and the Colorado River Basin Salinity Council requiring the Administrator's signature.
 - Laura – Wendy O'Brien is working with the removal program on concern about livestock exposure near abandoned uranium mines in SD. Rebecca Perrin is back, working half-days through May.
6. RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS
- All - Procedure for inviting staff to observe SLT meetings: SLT members will add guests' names to the SLT calendar, no more than 2 per SLT meeting. SLT members will introduce their guest(s) at the beginning of the meeting. Suzanne will invite RLT Executive Board members.
 - All – One-pagers due today for Ken Wagner visit.